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1. SUMMARY: FURTHER PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS ABOUT
NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS' GUIDELINES WERE ANSWERED BY FRG
FOREIGN MINISTRY MINISTER OF STATE WISCHNEWSKI AS
FOLLOWS: FRG MINISTER OF OFFICIAL EMPHASIZED IN HIS
ANSWERS THAT FRG WILL NOT APPROVE ANY AGREEMENT WHICH
IMPAIRS THE POSITION OF THE GERMAN NUCLEAR INDUSTRY IN
THE EXPORT MARKET.# END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF QUESTIONS
TABLED BY MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT ENGELSBERGER (CDU/CSU)
ON MARCH 3 AND THE ANSWERS GIVEN BY MINISTER OF STATE
WISCHNEWSKI (SPD) OF ECONOMIC
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MINISTRY ON MARCH 11:

ENGELBERGER: WHAT ARE THE REASONS THAT THE GUIDELINES ON NUCLEAR EXPORTS HAVE NOT BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE PUBLIC ALTHOUGH THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, AND WHAT ARE THE PARTICULAR REASONS THAT LEAD THE PARTNERS OF THIS AGREEMENT TO TREAT THE GUIDELINES AS CONFIDENTIAL?

WISCHNEWSKI: THE CONTENT OF THE GUIDELINES ON NUCLEAR EXPORTS DEVELOPED IN THE TALKS AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS IN LONDON IS CONFIDENTIAL. THE PARTNERS AGREED TO KEEP IT CONFIDENTIAL. THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY WAS INFORMED ON FEBRUARY 12, 1976, THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS WAS INFORMED ON MARCH 10, 1976. THE AIM OF THE GUIDELINES IS TO INTEGRATE THE PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN AN EFFICIENT AND FAR-REACHING SYSTEM OF SAFEGUARDS. THEY CORRESPOND TO THE GOALS AND THE SPIRIT OF THE NPT.

ENGELSBERGER: DOES THE AGREEMENT ON NUCLEAR EXPORTS MEAN THAT THE NPT IS EXTENDED TO THE PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR POWER BY ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES AND MAY THE COMPETITIVITY OF THE GERMAN NUCLEAR INDUSTRY THUS BE HAMPERED?

WISCHNEWSKI: NO, THE GUIDELINES CAN BY NO MEANS MEAN A DISADVANTAGE IN THE COMPETITIVITY OF THE GERMAN INDUSTRY. SURELY YOU ARE INFORMED ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE GOVERNMENT PROMOTED THE GERMAN INDUSTRY IN ITS EFFORT TO EXPAND ITS EXPORT MARKET AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. THEREFORE, IT WOULD NEVER AGREE TO ANY ARRANGEMENTS THAT WOULD MAKE THE POSITION OF OUR INDUSTRY WORSE IN THE COMPETITION.

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ENGELSBERGER: TO WHAT EXTENT HAS THE GOVERNMENT SOUGHT
THE ADVICE AND THE OPINION OF THE GERMAN INDUSTRY IN
THE COURSE OF THE ELABORATION OF THE GUIDELINES ON
NUCLEAR EXPORTS?

WISCHNEWSKI: ON THIS MATTER I AM NOT INFORMED. BUT I
AM SURE THAT THIS HAS BEEN THE PROCEDURE. I AM PREPARED
TO GIVE YOU THE ANSWER IN WRITING.

ENGELSBERGER: TO WHAT EXTENT IS THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR
FACILITIES BEING AFFECTED BY THE NEW GUIDELINES ON
NUCLEAR EXPORTS AND WHO IS TO CONTROL THE EXECUTION
OF THESE GUIDELINES IN THE PARTNER NATIONS WHICH HAVE
AGREED UPON THESE GUIDELINES ON NUCLEAR EXPORTS?
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WISCHNEWSKI: THE GUIDELINES ARE NOT A TREATY BY
INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE MOST IMPORTANT NUCLEAR SUPPLI-
ERS ARE GOING TO APPLY THE PRINCIPLES OF SAFEGUARDS
PUT DOWN IN THE GUIDELINES ON THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR
FACILITIES AND MATERIAL WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THEIR
NATIONAL EXPORT POLICY. THE EXECUTION OF THE SAFE-
GUARDS IS INCUMBENT ON THE IAEA.

ENGELSBERGER: WHAT EFFECT WILL THE GUIDELINES HAVE
ON THE GERMAN-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT AND ON THE

DELIVERY OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES TO SOUTH AFRICA?

WISCHNEWSKI: WHAT HAS BEEN AGREED UPON IN THE GUIDELINES HAS ALREADY BEEN APPLIED TO THE AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL. AS TO THE CASE OF SOUTH AFRICA I CAN'T SAY ANYTHING BECAUSE THE CORRESPONDING APPLICATION HAS NOT YET BEEN APPROVED, TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

ENGELSBERGER: HAS THE SOVIET UNION AGREED TO THE CONTROL OF THE IAEA AND HAVE SUCH CONTROLS ON SOVIET NUCLEAR EXPORTS TAKEN PLACE ALREADY?

WISCHNEWSKI: ALL PARTNERS HAVE ACCEPTED THE GUIDELINES IN THE SAME MANNER.

END INFORMAL TRANSLATION. HILLENBRAND

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